

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 2, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claim 1-9 are pending. Claims 10-22 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-9 stand rejected.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the second occurrence of (a) to (b). Additional clarifying amendments have been made to claims 1 and 3. The Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's renumbering of claim 4. Based on the foregoing, the Applicant requests withdrawal of the objections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Office Action indicates that the scope of "digital certificate data" is unclear. Claim 9 has been amended to replace "digital certificate data" with --digital certificate--. Digital certificates are described, for example, in paragraph 20 of the present application. The scope of "digital certificate" is well known in the art. For example, see U.S. Patent No. 6,189,097.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, fourth paragraph as failing to comply with the further limiting requirement. Claim 6 has been amended to recite a feature that is not included in claim 5.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC §112.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Janik, U.S. Publication No. 2004/0253945.

Claim 1 is drawn to a method of synchronizing data stored in remote stores and includes the features of:

- (b) synchronizing data stored within the first remote store with data contained within a first publisher record stored within the computer device;
- (c) synchronizing the data contained within first publisher record with data contained within a composite record stored on the computer device;
- (d) synchronizing the data contained within composite record with data contained within a second publisher record stored within the computer device

In contrast to what is claimed in claim 1, Janik discloses a system for delivering Internet and digital content to a variety of thin client devices. The Office Action alleges that element (b) is found in paragraph 0115 of Janik. Paragraph 0115 is reproduced below:

[0115] 12. Synchronization--Data, such as user data and related information, such as an accurate time and date, must be synchronized across the three platforms (web, device, and local server). Core module 42 time and date data is thus synchronized with an external (absolute) standard.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited section of Janik does not teach or suggest “synchronizing data stored within the first remote store with data contained within a first publisher record stored within the computer device.” The cited section merely describes synchronizing information across three platforms. There is no mention of a “publisher record.”

The Office Action then suggests that element (c) of claim 1 is found in paragraph 0116 of Janik. Paragraph 0116 is reproduced below:

[0116] 13. Mirroring--Users can specify that content selections they make using the device content editors are to be mirrored at various other devices. For example, a user may have audio playback device 86 and a car caching and playback device. The user can specify that they want content 10 from Internet 8 that is cached on storage gateway 38 in the home to be mirrored exactly in the

car-based caching device. The end user can thereby access all of the exact same content 10 in the same playlist structure in both the home and in the automobile. The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited section of Janik does not teach or suggest “synchronizing data stored within the first remote store with data contained within a first publisher record stored within the computer device.” The cited section merely describes synchronizing information across three platforms. There is no mention of a “publisher record.”

The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited section of Janik does not teach or suggest “synchronizing the data contained within first publisher record with data contained within a composite record stored on the computer device.” The cited section merely describes storing data on a storage gateway and mirroring data. There is no mention at all of a “publisher record” or a “composite record.” Moreover, the data described in paragraph 0116 is not even the same data described in paragraph 0115. It is unclear how the claimed “first publisher record” can be found in both paragraphs.

The Office Action then suggests that element (d) of claim 1 is found in paragraph 0119 of Janik. Paragraph 0119 is reproduced below:

[0119] Client devices 78 can take many physical forms but the common attribute is that it client devices 78 are nodes on LAN 70, receiving digital content and data 10, and instructions, from core module 42 subsystem of the system control application 18, and sending back XML message 74 control instructions and data from interaction or data that originates at client devices 78. In the preferred embodiment client devices 78 include webpad 92, audio playback device 86, Internet clock 82, digital picture frame 100, and automotive storage device 142. Generally, client devices depend on LAN 70 connectivity to provide the majority of their functionality. Client devices 78 range widely in the amount of integral memory capability. For purposes of clarity, the preferred embodiment shows in detail how content is set up, organized, and scheduled for delivery to two media player devices: audio playback device 86 that is connected to a stereo receiver 114, and Internet connected clock 82. However, it should be clearly understood that the system is designed to function with a wide variety of networked client devices 78 and audio playback device 86 and Internet clock 82 are described as examples of how the system functions.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited section of Janik does not teach or suggest “synchronizing the data contained within composite record with data contained within a second

publisher record stored within the computer device.” Again, there is no mention of a “composite record” or a “publisher record.”

For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by Janik and is in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests that, if this rejection is maintain, the Office specifically identify which elements of Janik read on the claimed “first publisher record,” “second publisher record,” and “composite record.”

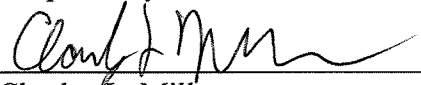
Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. The dependent claims also include additional features not found in Janik. For example, claim 3 includes the feature of “receiving a command from a user to edit the data contained within the composite record” and “comparing the edit command to at least one constraint in a synchronization mapping record corresponding to the first remote store.” The Office Action alleges that this feature is found in paragraph 0084 of Janik. The applicant respectfully submits that Paragraph 84 does not describes “receiving a command . . . to edit,” “at least one constraint in a synchronization mapping record,” or “comparing the edit command to at least one constraint in a synchronization mapping record.”

Claim 4 includes the feature of “wherein the composite record is part of a computer operating system.” The Office Action alleges that this feature is found in paragraph 0084, lines 1-7 of Janik. The cited section of Janik never mentions “composite record” or even discusses a “computer operating system.”

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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